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19 January 1995

Dear Professor Lederberg,

I have pleasure in inviting you to serve as a member of the WHO global Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) for a period of four years.

The Committee was established in 1959 by the Twelfth World Health Assembly, under the name of Advisory Committee on Medical Research, "in order to provide the Director-General with the necessary scientific advice in relation to the research programme". It has since been renamed "Advisory Committee on Health Research" by a decision of the Thirty-ninth World Health Assembly in May 1986.

The more specific terms of reference of the global Advisory Committee on Health Research are:

- to translate the policy guidelines of WHO's governing bodies (World Health Assembly, Executive Board) in terms of research strategies and priorities;
- to review research activities, monitor their execution and evaluate their results, from the standpoint of scientific and technological policy;
- to discuss, as appropriate, the ethical aspects of health research in view of WHO's international role;
- to contribute to the harmonization of WHO's research efforts as between the country, regional and interregional levels, and in their effective global synthesis.

For your information, I shall send you under separate cover, the report of the thirty-second session of the global ACHR, which was held from 10 to 14 October 1994.

The Committee consists of seventeen members and a chairman. For your information, I am attaching a list of its membership since 1959.

I very much hope that, in spite of your heavy commitments, you will be willing to give us the benefit of your knowledge and experience by accepting this invitation to serve as a member of the global Advisory Committee on Health Research. I also hope that you will be able to attend its next session in October 1995.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Nakajima', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hiroshi Nakajima, M.D., Ph.D.
Director-General

ENCL: as stated.